

DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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Minutes of August 25, 2005 Meeting

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:02p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

Members present:

Sally Bosha	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jenny Streeter
John Bowes	

Guest List:

Paul Engemann	John Ryan
Don Fiftal	Andy Ashforth
Clara Sartori	Walter Casey

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the July 14, 2005 meeting were adopted unanimously. It was noted for the record that the meetings held on July 28 and August 11 failed to achieve a quorum.

Construction Committee Report

John Ryan gave the following project update:

In Building F, work is continuing on the flooring and the ceiling grids, which will be completed before school begins. Fire alarms will be tested next week. The contractor has committed to start tomorrow to put Z-clips in the paneling on the balcony and other walls in the auditorium; he needs two weeks to complete the job. The committee emphasized that the work absolutely must be finished before September 29, which is the date of the welcoming assembly at the Open House. The ceilings have been installed in the east and south row of classrooms; the bandroom painting started today. The elevator problem is being addressed; a 3" additional clearance is necessary to get inspection approval. Stage lighting circuitry is being worked on; he noted that the wiring is extremely intricate and takes time to be done correctly.

Peter Maglathlin asked how the stair treads are coming. John Ryan said they were dealing with it, and that they would be installed in time for school opening. He also said that the skywalk (the bridge connecting Buildings F & G) frames were due to arrive on Monday, and the glass by Tuesday.

Peter Maglathlin also asked about the overhead doors. Mr. Ryan said that the doors have been ordered, but will not arrive before school opening. The committee stated emphatically that this delay is unconscionable; that this has been on the schedule for over two years, and has been ordered for over a year. The committee has serious dissatisfaction with the contractor.

Jenny Streeter reported that the demolition of Building E (old school) is ahead of schedule, and should be down very soon. Paul Engemann clarified that the demolition

and abatement must stop at the end of next week, until the state approves the paperwork for the plan to go forward after school opens. The paperwork submission should be done this week.

John Ryan said that the building of the fire access road began today.

In response to a question, Paul Engemann said that any problems noted by teachers or staff were to be reported to department chairs, and then forwarded through school administration to be addressed by contractors.

Paul Engemann said that the Planning and Zoning Office staff were pleased with the project, and have orally signed off on it. The health inspector has made two inspections, and the construction team is addressing a few open issues. He also said that the food service staff would offer a slightly modified menu at the opening of school. A few hallway lighting issues still need to be addressed, and will be by the opening of school. He said the police would closely monitor the traffic flow on Noroton Avenue, High School Lane, and Nutmeg Lane on the first few days of school. The buses have done their test runs, using Noroton Avenue as an entrance, and Nutmeg Lane as an exit. Signs have been ordered for the Post 53 vehicle position. Radio testing by police and fire officials has been very successful.

Finance Committee

John Bowes said that we are currently holding back about \$80,000 from the architects. There will need to be discussions with the architects to resolve ongoing differences regarding compensation.

Chairman's Report – None.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2005, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte
Secretary

Approved: September 8, 2005